



Barnabas

Last week Doug talked about the early Christians
Today we look at one particular early Christian
How to grow as individuals and as a church and grow through growth pains?

Acts 4:32-37 - Introduction to Barnabas

- came to faith at the beginnings of the church in Jerusalem
- name changed from Joseph to Barnabas (son of encouragement)
- sold a field and gave the money to the church

Acts 9:26-28

- Paul tries to connect with the disciples in Jerusalem but they are afraid of him
- Barnabas steps up and vouches for Paul's transformation in Jesus
- Barnabas has apparently gained some standing and recognition in the church

Acts 11:19-24

- Barnabas has now become a trusted leader in the church
- Sent from Jerusalem to this new mission field in Antioch
- His Godly character is evident
- Luke writes about his character even after his confrontation with Paul
- He's helping to serve and teach others

What I want us to see so far?

- Barnabas has grown greatly in his relationship with Jesus and his service to others
- *How has your relationship with Jesus growing?
- *Could highlight some faith markers in your life like I just did for Barnabas?

Barnabas wasn't perfect

Galatians 2:11-14

- Peter falls prey to the circumcision party
- Even Barnabas is led to make a wrong decision here

Acts 13:1-3

- Barnabas travels with Paul preaching the Gospel